

**Subcommittee #3 – Emergency Response  
and Evaluation of Spread and Fire  
Fighting Risks  
Conference Call #4  
Key Discussion Items and Notes  
March 30, 2001**

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The following is a brief summary of **key discussion items and notes** from the fourth Subcommittee conference call of Subcommittee #3 – Emergency Response and Evaluation of Spread and Fire Fighting Risks held March 30, 2001. Conference call participants are listed at the end of these notes. The call was chaired by Garry Briese.

The **Next conference call** of the Subcommittee will be **Thursday, May 3, 2001 at 11:30am EST**. Conference call number will be provided by e-mail closer to the date of the call.

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**Key Discussion Items:**

- The four key items the Subcommittee discussed were as follows:
  - Clarification of the Matrix crosscutting comparison of the Initial Joint Fire Safety Review and Subcommittee #3's Scope of Work
  - Short term actions that the Commission could address to the Secretary pending completion of the Comprehensive Review
  - Documenting developing and/or potential recommendations from the Commission
  - Site Contract implementation

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**Next Steps:** Subcommittee members are requested to:

- Provide comments and recommendations back to Subcommittee Chair on the Second Public Meeting in Augusta, Fire Protection Workshop and SRS Site Visit. Comments are to relate these proceedings to the Subcommittee's scope of work and the Commission Charter.
- Provide potential recommendations to improve fire safety and preparedness to the Subcommittee Chair who will consolidate them.

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**Discussion Notes.**

- The Subcommittee began with discussion regarding clarification on nature of Matrix. DOE briefed the Subcommittee on the intent which was a cross walk between the scope of the Fire Safety Review and responsibilities of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee expects a summary report from individual site-reviews to address relevant issues of each Subcommittee. Subcommittee members would use the matrix to ensure that the report to the Secretary addresses all agenda items.
- DOE suggested using the matrix to identify where some objectives are being met and the

outcomes are positive.

- Reviewing the Subcommittee's scope of work will help to ensure that time is spent wisely and each group's focus is incorporated.
- DOE agreed to pull out significant issues and summarize them in a 1-2 page outline.
- They will use DOE resources such as Technical Report 27, as well as the SRS tour and subsequent site visits to simplify identification of Subcommittee issues and responsibilities. These issues would be presented to the new Administration.
- The Subcommittee recommends including new initiatives as a result of site visits and data gathering, but would also like to include issues of concern that have previously been on the table.
- The Subcommittee reiterated the necessity to look at initiatives that are effective within the industry and include these in the report to the Secretary.
- The Subcommittee was asked to begin to write down developing and/or potential recommendations of the Subcommittee for the Full Commission, focusing on product versus process. The Chair will analyze and consolidate the recommendations.
- It was agreed that the Commission should not go forward with more than 20 recommendations or they could be in jeopardy of being disregarded.
- Disparities in site contract implementation remains an issue. Subcommittee members suggested focusing on contract revisions or adopting industry performance standards that have a successful record.
- DOE understands that sites may implement requirements or standards differently.

### ***Next Conference Call***

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## ***Conference Call Participants***

- Commission Members
  - Garry Briese, Subcommittee Chair
  - Eric Lamar
  - Lorlee Mizell
  - Richard Salese for Mike Freeman
  - Jessie Roberson, Commission Co-Chair
- U.S. Department of Energy
  - Frank Russo, Designated Federal Official
  - Dennis Kubicki, Senior Fire Protection Engineer
- RPI
  - Melinda Watters